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## PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **13 KC, INDEPENDENCE, RAYTOWN, RAYMORE RESIDENTS CHARGED WITH FIREARM, AMMUNITION VIOLATIONS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 13 metropolitan area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition. Today's indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Antwoine D. Washington**, 37, of Raytown, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm and possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Washington** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on July 11, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Washington**, having previous felony convictions, illegally possessed a Bryco .380-caliber pistol on July 11, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Curtis A. Harris**, 30, of Kansas City, Kan., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon and unlawful user in possession of a firearm.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Harris**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Raven Arms .25-caliber pistol on Sept. 22, 2004. Under federal

law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Harris** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine in possession of a Raven Arms .25-caliber pistol on Sept. 22, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the North Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jahn M. Moore**, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Moore**, having a previous criminal felony conviction, illegally possessed an American Derringer .45-caliber/410-gauge Colt handgun on Oct. 5, 2004. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Moore** also possessed 24 rounds of Winchester .410-caliber ammunition on Oct. 5, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Isaac E. Stewart**, 35, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Stewart**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Sturm Ruger Security Six .357-caliber revolver on Aug. 8, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Gregory O. Watkins**, 36, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Watkins**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Sig Sauer pistol on Aug. 12, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was

investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Namphonh Suady**, 30, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Suady**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Colt Government Model .380-caliber pistol and 11 rounds of ammunition on Aug. 3, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Andre L. Troy**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Troy**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Tanfoglio-Guiseppe .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol on June 18, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Edward R. Guzman**, 54, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Guzman**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Hi-Point .40-caliber rifle on April 15, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jeremy J. Lara**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Lara**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Sturm Ruger .357-caliber pistol on March 7, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **James Dean Shaw**, 47, of Raymore, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Shaw**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on June 27, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Cass County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Damone L. Harris**, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The federal indictment alleges that **Harris**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed five rounds of Remington Peters 7.62 x 39 mm ammunition on Aug. 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Carlos M. Hernandez-Rodriguez**, 18, a citizen of Mexico living in Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Hernandez-Rodriguez** was in possession of a Bryco Arms 9 mm semi-automatic handgun on July 25, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Hernandez-Rodriguez** is an illegal alien from the country of Mexico.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

\* **Ramon Saenz Madina**, 23, a citizen of Mexico living in Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Madina** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .22-caliber revolver on Aug. 4, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any

illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Madina** is an illegal alien from the country of Mexico.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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